

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 99
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to designate February 7, 2005, as "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness & Information Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, February 7, 2005 is the fifth annual observance of "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness & Information Day"; and

WHEREAS, this observance is a nationwide effort to mobilize the African American community to get educated, get tested and get involved with HIV/AIDS, as it continues to devastate Black communities; and

WHEREAS, "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness & Information Day" is a project of the Community Capacity Building Coalition (CCBC) comprising national advocacy organizations and funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the Minority AIDS Initiative to provide capacity building assistance to community-based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS prevention; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control, over 12,500 residents of Tennessee are living with HIV/AIDS and a disproportionate percentage of these men, women and children are African American; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations across Tennessee are hosting community events to recognize this day and its importance to African Americans and all concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we join with these national and local groups to express our strong support for "National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness & Information Day" and the initiatives to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in the African American community and provide treatment and support services to the victims of the disease; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we hereby designate February 7, 2005, as "National Black HIV/AIDS
Awareness & Information Day" in Tennessee and urge local residents to strongly support this
day and participate in events planned to commemorate this occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.